

GAMEDAY

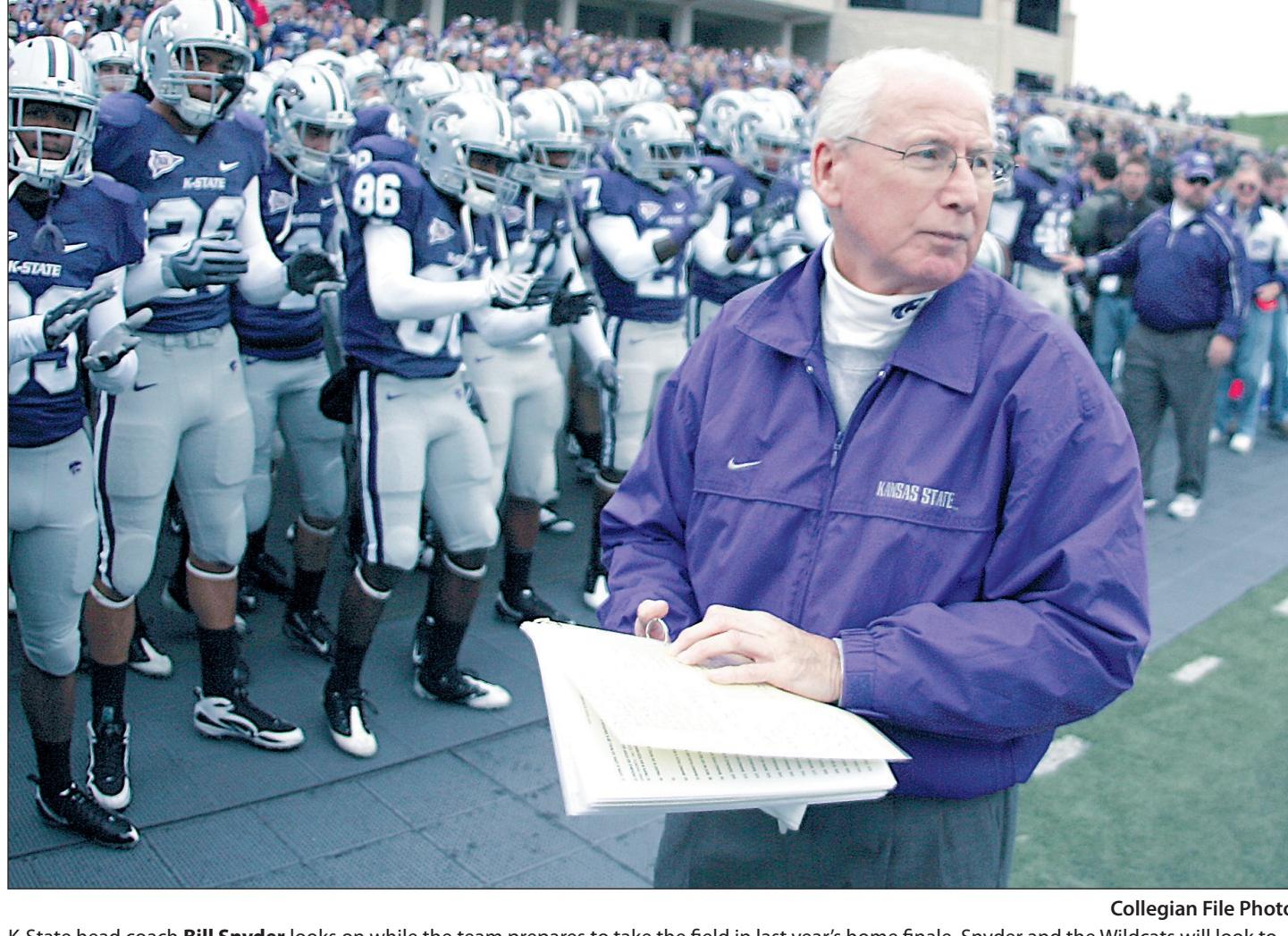
Guide

www.kstatecollegian.com

Friday, Sept. 3, 2010

K-State vs. UCLA

FAMILY REUNION



Collegian File Photo

K-State head coach **Bill Snyder** looks on while the team prepares to take the field in last year's home finale. Snyder and the Wildcats will look to improve on a 6-6 record in 2009, starting with this weekend's opener against UCLA.

Wildcats begin season with UCLA rematch

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

Being the "9" on a 23-9 final score does not provide much peace of mind. That's one of the reasons the Wildcats anticipate getting out on the field tomorrow and taking a second shot at the Bruins of UCLA.

"You want to play against the best teams you can, and UCLA is a great team," said senior defensive back Stephen Harrison. "It is going to be a great test for us. I think that we are ready and looking forward to it. With the game being on ABC, it makes it a big game. We want to show the nation what kind of team we have, especially the secondary."

Harrison is one of four returning defensive backs who started last season. Two others, juniors Emmanuel Lamur and Tysyn Hartman, led the Wildcats in tackles and interceptions, respectively, in 2009.

UCLA racked up 359 yards of offense against K-State this time last year, and Lamur has not forgotten.

"We didn't finish too strong,"

Lamur said. "They finished strong; that's how you win games." He added, with his trademark smile, that now it's K-State's turn to get back at UCLA.

On the other side of the ball, K-State has four starters return-

Coffman (see the Q&A for more from him) said he plans to take advantage of his second chance at the starting position. He credits his improvement to simply another year of experience, for him and everyone else.

job done."

In fall camp, UCLA suffered losses of significant linemen, including redshirt junior and center Kai Maiawa and junior defensive end Datone Jones.

Though the injuries may weaken the Bruins, the Wildcats are doing their best to ignore that possibility.

"I've heard that, but I try not to pay too much attention to that," said sophomore fullback Braden Wilson. "I know that we still have to come at it with the same mentality, the same attitude. We've just got to get the job done, regardless of who's playing."

Football games are rarely predictable, but sophomore linebacker Blake Slaughter offered assurance about two aspects of the game, at least.

"They can expect that we're going to run the ball, and we're going to hit people," Slaughter said. "That's point blank, period. We're going to hang our hats on that."

Kickoff is scheduled for 2:36 p.m. tomorrow at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

K-STATE VS. UCLA

When: Tomorrow, 2:36 p.m.

Where: Snyder Family Stadium

Television: ESPN on ABC

Radio: K-State Sports Network

Series: UCLA leads 1-0

ing to the offensive line, including senior Wade Weibert, who is being considered for the Rimington Award, which goes to the best center in the country.

Senior quarterback Carson

"Well, for me, I think it's just learning the system and having guys around me who know the system as well," Coffman said. "We are all on the same page. I feel confident that I can get the

job done."

In fall camp, UCLA suffered

losses of significant linemen,

including redshirt junior and

center Kai Maiawa and junior

defensive end Datone Jones.

Though the injuries may

weaken the Bruins, the Wild-

cats are doing their best to ignore

that possibility.

"I've heard that, but I try not to pay too much attention to that," said sophomore fullback Braden Wilson. "I know that we still have to come at it with the same mentality, the same attitude. We've just got to get the job done, regardless of who's playing."

Football games are rarely predictable, but sophomore linebacker Blake Slaughter offered assurance about two aspects of the game, at least.

"They can expect that we're going to run the ball, and we're going to hit people," Slaughter said. "That's point blank, period. We're going to hang our hats on that."

Kickoff is scheduled for 2:36

p.m. tomorrow at Bill Snyder

Family Stadium.

Sophomore fullback credits success to home roots

Ashley Dunkak
sports editor

To understand sophomore fullback Braden Wilson, it helps to understand where he comes from.

Smith Center, Kan., has a population under 2,000 and covers less than two square miles. The self-proclaimed "Heart of Kansas, Still Beating Strong!" has everything to do with Wilson's hard-working mentality.

"I feel privileged to have grown up there, even though there's not a lot to do," Wilson said. "Town like that, kids grow a lot more discipline."

As a freshman last season, Wilson got time in all 12 games and started four of them. As a fullback, he devoted much energy to steamrolling opponents, paving the way for Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year running back Daniel Thomas.

Wilson impressed head coach Bill Snyder with his effort and relentless

ness. Snyder said Wilson's consistency reminds him of his own.

"He's one of those guys that is going all out every time you see him," Snyder said. "No matter what the snap might be, every snap, he does it like it's supposed to be done. You'd like to have 105 Braden Wilsons, and that doesn't mean other guys don't work hard, but I think Braden kind of sets the standard in that respect. He knows one speed,

and that's everything he's got,

every single snap, and I love

him to death for that."

Wilson spent his summers working 9 or 10 hours each day on the farm of a family friend before lifting weights

and then heading to play baseball. In the fall he played football, and during winter he played basketball.

Both baseball and basketball were also passions of his.

In fact, he originally thought he would be going to college

to play basketball. His dad Chuck

played basketball well back in his

day, so that is what Braden grew up

playing. His junior year of high school, however, he realized football was his thing.

During his football career at Smith Center High School, he helped lead the Redmen to four consecutive undefeated seasons and state titles. For weeks, teams from all over the country were calling to recruit him, but ultimately K-State was the one that followed through. That's how Wilson ended up playing for the team he had watched growing up.

An inside look at

Braden Wilson

DATE OF BIRTH: OCT. 9, 1989

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6'3", 244 LBS.

HOMETOWN: SMITH CENTER, KAN.

HIGH SCHOOL: SMITH CENTER

YEAR: SOPHOMORE

POSITION: FULLBACK

GAMES PLAYED: 12

CARRIES: 3

RECEPTIONS: 4

TOTAL OFFENSE: 41 YARDS



Matt Binter | Collegian

BY THE NUMBERS

Stats to consider when K-State takes on UCLA tomorrow

23-9

-Score by which UCLA defeated K-State on Sept. 19, 2009

Though the Bruins won by two touchdowns, this game never quite got out of K-State's hands completely. The Wildcats were down by four after the first quarter, down by 10 after the second and only trailed by four points at the end of the third. Unfortunately, they apparently ran out of steam, and the Bruins racked up a pair of scores in the final period.

67,311

-Attendance at last year's game in Pasadena, Calif.

While that's a few tens of thousands short of Rose Bowl capacity, the Californians must have suspected the Kansans were capable of giving them a run for their money. This season, the home-field advantage goes to K-State. A home opener crowd of students, alumni, former players and families in the community will provide a 12th man that was missing last year. Players always insist fans make a difference; here is a chance for them to show us.

193/2/6

-Passing yards/interceptions/sacks against the K-State quarterbacks

Last year, Carson Coffman lost his starting spot, probably no thanks due to this game. After a year in the system and competing to get the position back, he will have a shot at a second impression on UCLA and also on K-State fans. However, because UCLA's defensive line is weak, K-State's offensive line is strong and K-State has a nationally renowned runner in Daniel Thomas, the passing game may not be the focal point of this particular contest.

54

-Net rushing yards by Daniel Thomas

Hopefully he can improve on that tomorrow.

69

-Net rushing yards by the team

Hopefully everyone else can, too.

135

-Yards on Brandon Banks' kick returns

With the speedster gone to graduation and the Washington Redskins, special teams may not be quite the fireworks display it had been. However, Tramaine Thompson — who in stature is very reminiscent of Banks — will be returning punts as a freshman, so maybe there's potential for some explosive action yet.

10

-Starters lost

Losing starters is a natural process, but it hurts a little because pretty much each guy on the list is a household name and big contributor: Brandon Banks, Lamark Brown, Grant Gregory, Jeron Mastrud, Attrail Snipes, Nick Stringer, Daniel Calvin, Jeffrey Fitzgerald, John Houlak and Joshua Moore.

15

-Returning starters

Four of them are on the offensive line, and four are defensive backs. This means an even stronger, more experienced wall of blockers for Daniel Thomas and more time for Carson Coffman to make decisions.

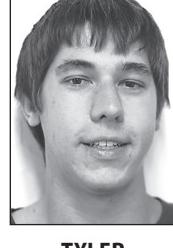
9

-Offensive linemen over 300 pounds

One more mention of the unsung heroes: they look like a force this year. Between the size and the fact they are all between 6 feet 2 inches and 6 feet 8 inches tall, these guys are mountainous. Not good news for UCLA, but it's definitely going to bode well for the Wildcats to have linemen who move easily by others.

-Compiled by Ashley Dunkak

Coffman, many new starters have plenty to prove in 2010



**TYLER
SCOTT**

And the starting quarterback for this season is... Carson Coffman.

Yes, you heard it right. Coffman will get the nod tomorrow, as his time under center will be chronicled throughout the season starting with a rematch from last season against UCLA.

He beat out fellow teammates sophomore Collin Klein and junior Sammuel Lamur. He did throw seven touchdowns in the spring game and his senior leadership may help the team out, but I'm not sold yet on the fact that he can lead this team for a whole season. Let's see what he can do in another year of full contact.

If Coffman learned anything from his demotion last year against Louisiana-Lafayette, it's knowing how to protect the ball whether he's in the pocket or scrambling for a first down. It will only be a matter of time until Snyder hands the job over to someone else.

I could go on about how I think Coffman won't last again this season, but I'll come back to that next week and move on to some positive aspects to the team.

The Big 12 rushing leader last season returns as Daniel

Thomas will look to make for a strong senior campaign to boost his NFL stock. With him running behind another solid offensive line, he should post another 1,000 yard season and possibly lead the conference again.

What should make for an interesting mix are the wide receivers. The department is loaded with newcomers including sophomore transfers Chris Harper and Brodrick Smith. Senior Aubrey Quarles is coming off a redshirt season, but did finish fourth on the team in receptions and fifth in yards in 2008.

No matter who is the prominent quarterback this season, these receivers will need to step up. It would help take the load off Thomas so the team can be more than one-dimensional.

The defense should be pretty solid in my opinion. After giving up an average of over 230 yards through the air last season, junior Tylyn Hartman and senior Stephen Harrison return to lead the secondary. The front line will also look for a replacement for graduated senior Jeffrey Fitzgerald, who recorded seven sacks last season.

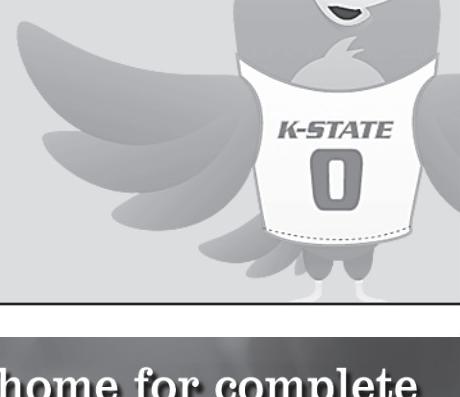
This week, the fans should be going crazy, which will help the team's momentum during the game. With national television affiliate ABC also in the house, it will be a great time for the Wildcats to show what they're really made of.

I expect to see Daniel Thomas and the defense make a strong performance, but again, the quarterback situation will be in question throughout the year. K-State should pull out a close victory.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

Can't make it to the game? Still want to know how the team is doing? Follow the Collegian on Twitter for live game coverage and breaking sports news.

www.twitter.com/sportscollegian



Your home for complete K-State football coverage.

| log on |

gopowertcat.com



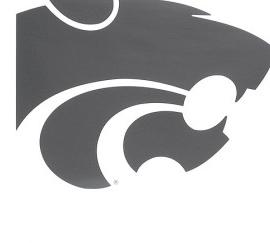
beLoud, beProud, bePurple

Little Caesars' HOT-N-READY PIZZA

LARGE PEPPERONI PIZZA \$5.00 AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

1150 WESTLOOP CENTER MANHATTAN

Matching Up



vs.



OFFENSE

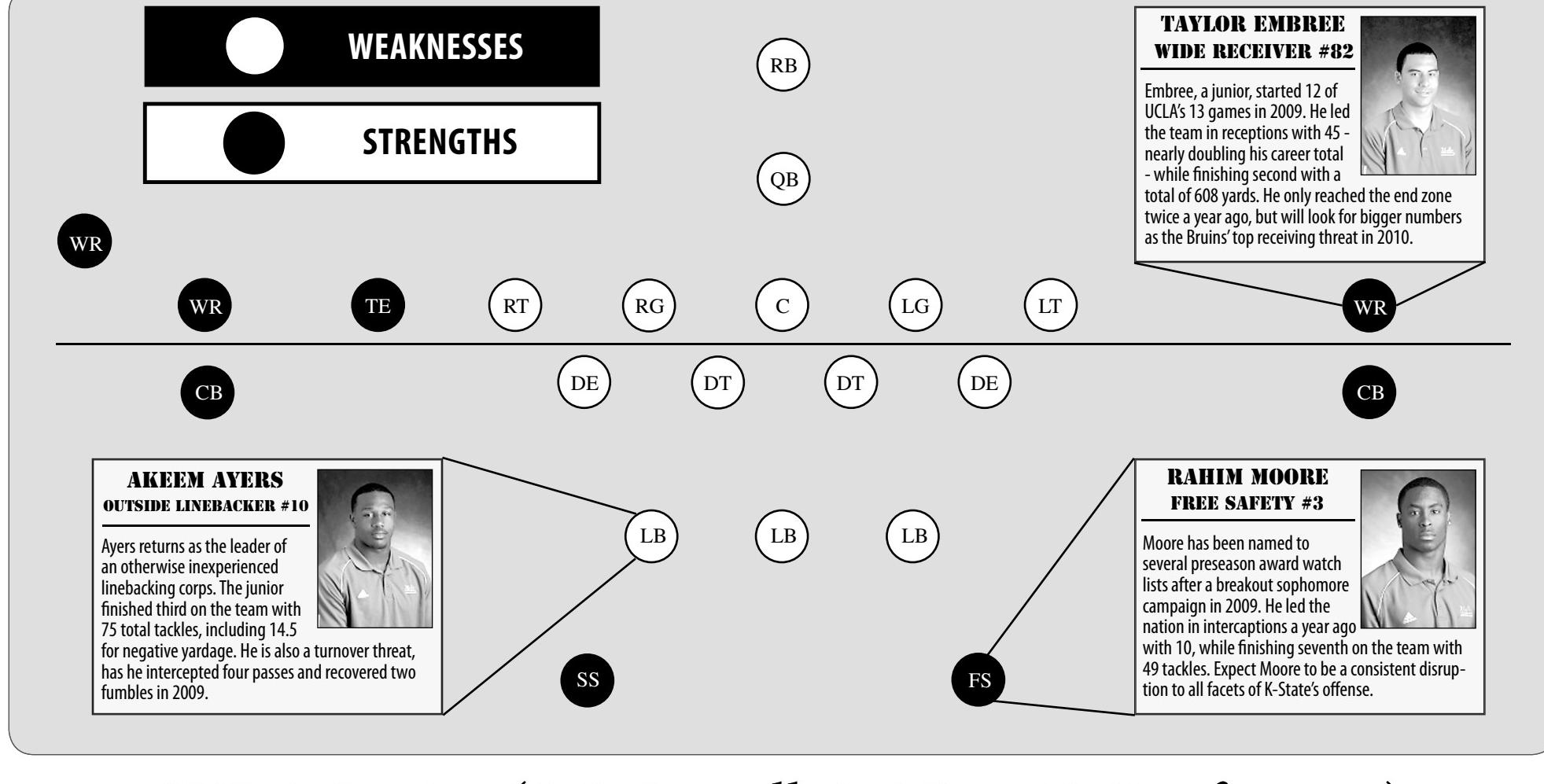


DEFENSE





Scouting Report



UCLA Bruins (0-0 Overall, 0-0 Pac-10 Conference)

STRENGTHS

Wide receiver: Bruin coach Rick Neuheisel may not have a ton of experience to work with on offense, but UCLA returns its top two receivers from last season in Taylor Embree and Nelson Rosario. The tandem combined for 87 catches and 1,331 yards in 2009. They only caught two touchdown passes each last season, but that could also be credited to inconsistent quarterback play. Regardless of who starts under center for UCLA, expect K-State's secondary to be challenged by both targets.

Tight end: UCLA lost its fourth leading receiver to graduation when former senior Logan Paulsen exhausted his eligibility a year ago. The jury is still out on Paulsen's replacement, junior Cory Harkey. Consider this position a strength because Harkey started three

games last season, but his limited stats – eight catches for 41 yards – don't offer much insight about his hands. Given the Bruins' potential issues at quarterback in the season opener, expect Harkey to get at least a few looks as the game progresses.

Secondary: Playing experience shouldn't be an issue for the Bruins, as both top returners, juniors Tony Dye and Rahim Moore, started all 13 games in 2009. Moore garnered second team All-America honors from the Associated Press last year and has been named to four preseason award watch lists. He led the nation with 10 interceptions a year ago. Dye failed to pick off any passes, but he was fourth on the team with 73 tackles and recovered a fumble. Both safeties will figure to cause problems for K-State's offense, both on the ground and

through the air. Sophomore Sheldon Price is the only Bruin cornerback who started more than one game last season, but UCLA returns three other corners who gained plenty of game experience in 2009.

WEAKNESSES
Quarterback: Neuheisel has made it well known that sophomore Kevin Prince has been hampered by a back injury as the season opener draws closer. Whether or not Prince is able to play against K-State, his numbers from 2009 leave something to be desired. He completed 173 passes for 2,050 yards, but threw as many interceptions as he did touchdowns (8). Should Prince not be able to play, the starting nod will be given to fellow sophomore Richard Breaut. Breaut saw time in six games last year, but completed just 11 passes for

124 yards. He failed to throw a touchdown pass and was intercepted once.

Running back: UCLA returns both of its top leading rushers in sophomore Jonathan Franklin and junior Derrick Coleman, but neither boasted strong stats in 2009. Franklin, who started eight times last year, led the Bruins in rushing, but averaged just 43.5 yards per game. Coleman managed less than half of that, as he finished with an 18.8-yard average. Don't expect either player to make a huge impact, as they combined for just 13.8 carries a game in 2009. That could work in favor of K-State, which will look to break in several new players on defensive line.

Offensive Line: One could argue that UCLA's front five has been the biggest victim of injuries and off-the-field issues during the preseason. A once promising

start for the Bruin offensive line has been clouded by uncertainty, as tomorrow's starters combined for just nine starts last season. Senior right guard Eddie Williams owns six of those starts. Only senior center Ryan Taylor started more than once last year, and he has since switched to a different position. Other than that, experience is hard to come by. That could mean trouble for the rest of UCLA's offense and a big day for K-State's defensive front seven..

Defensive Line: UCLA received a huge blow when defensive end Datone Jones, the defensive line's only returning starter, recently broke his foot in practice. Jones started every game last season and finished near the top of the roster in several defensive categories. The Bruin defensive lineman with the second most experience, sophomore defensive end Damien Holmes, recorded just 11 tackles in 2009. Given the severe lack of experience along the UCLA front line, expect K-State to go to running back Daniel Thomas early and often.

Linebacker: Junior Akeem Ayers returns as one of UCLA's top defenders from last season. Ayers ranked third on the team with 75 tackles and second with six sacks in 2009. He also played a large role in the team's turnover margin, picking off four passes and recovering two fumbles. But other than Ayers, the stat sheet is pretty bare at linebacker. The other two potential starters, juniors Steve Sloan and Sean Westgate, combined for just one start last season and neither recorded more than 18 tackles. That, paired with the uncertainty at defensive line, could mean a huge day on the ground for Thomas.

-Compiled by Justin Nutter

For additional sports info, check out our blog! www.ksuclergiansports.wordpress.com



DO IT ALL WITH A CANNONBALL!

D 620-532-3675
1005 E. Hwy. 54
Kingman, KS 67068
www.cannonballengineering.com



FOR
**ALL YOUR
WESTERN WEAR
NEEDS**

(785) 776-6715
8426 E. HWY 24
MON-FRI 11:00 - 6:00
SAT. 11:00 - 5:00



Crazy College Night

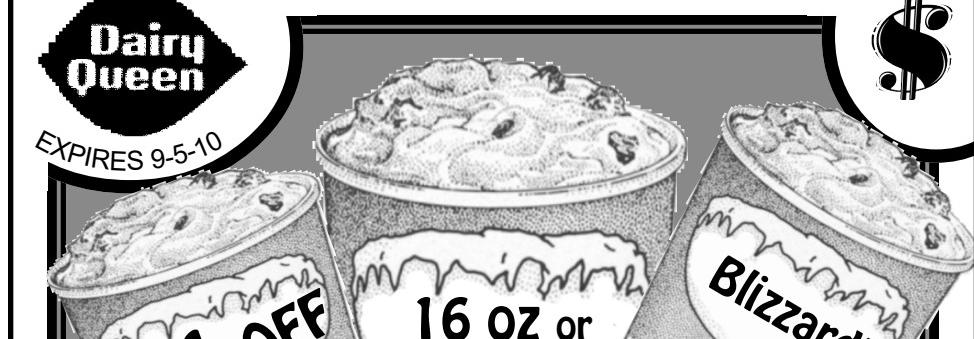
Dinner Buffet \$4.99
only
99¢ Drinks 99¢ Bottles

Sundays 4-8:30 pm

Some restrictions apply. Limited time only.
Dine-in only. One offer per person, per visit.
Not good with any other offer.

3003 Anderson Ave. 785.539.6444

Mon - Sat 11am-9pm • Sun 11am-9pm • Sun Brunch 11am-2pm



CATCHING ON

New receivers look to make immediate impact in 2010



Tommy Theis | Collegian

Brodrick Smith (left) and **Chris Harper** will look to make their presence felt at the wide receiver position after transferring to K-State in 2009. Smith arrived last season from Minnesota and Harper from Oregon, but both had to sit out due to NCAA transfer rules.

Justin Nutter
gameday editor

It's no big secret that the starting quarterback job at Kansas State is priority No. 1 as the season draws closer.

With the Wildcats' opener just days away, everyone around Manhattan wanted to know who head coach Bill Snyder would have calling signals when the team takes on UCLA on Saturday. With three players in the running and Snyder being his usual, tight-lipped self, it was anyone's guess. Snyder silenced the debate on Monday when he announced senior Carson Coffman would be given the starting duties.

While the starting quarterback question may now be answered, another offensive-minded question still looms large:

To whom will Coffman be throwing the ball?

K-State lost three of its top four receiving threats from a season ago in 2009 seniors Brandon Banks, Attrail Snipes and tight end Jeron Mastrud. Banks and Mastrud have since landed professional contracts with

the NFL's Washington Redskins and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively. Also worth noting, Banks' departure leaves the Wildcats with a big hole to fill in the return game as well, where he amassed 1,282 yards and four touchdowns last season.

The Wildcats suffered another loss when Lamark Brown left the program on Feb. 25. Brown, who would have been a senior this season, ranked fifth on the receiving chart last season with 18 catches for 215 yards and two touchdowns.

Take away running back Daniel Thomas, and rest of the stat sheet looks pretty bare. The rest of the returning offensive players combined for just 16 catches a year ago. But numbers aside, Snyder said the 2010 Wildcats have some solid options at wideout, and plenty of them.

"I think we probably have maybe six guys right now that will fit in and will certainly, I believe, see a substantial amount of playing time," he said. "All of them are basically new in regards to playing time, but I'm pleased with the prog-

ress that they have made."

K-State's most seasoned receiver, senior Aubrey Quarles, is making his return to the field after missing all of last season due to an injury. In 2008 – his first season as a Wildcat – the former junior college transfer caught 34 passes for 407 yards and a score.

Two additional targets, Chris Harper and Brodrick Smith, have yet to play a down in Manhattan, but neither are strangers to the K-State program. Both arrived as transfers in 2009 – Harper from Oregon, Smith from Minnesota – and will look to

make an immediate impact this season after sitting out last year due to transfer rules.

"Coming back and sitting out last year, getting to watch everything, I was just bettering myself in the classroom and on the scout team," Smith said. "I think this year will be a great test for us, not only me and Chris, but the rest of the wideouts. We are young and a lot of people are underestimating us, but I think we'll be hungry in the fall."

In one season with the Golden Gophers, Smith tallied five catches for 50 yards

and a touchdown. The native of Garden City, Kan., returned to Kansas after his freshman year to be closer to his son, Blake. Harper, a Wichita product, saw time as a running back, quarterback and receiver during his one season with the Ducks. The Wichita native caught nine passes for 122 yards and two scores before transferring to K-State.

While Harper is aware that the Wildcats' receiving unit may not be considered a strength by many people outside of the Little Apple, he said fans could be in for a surprise as the year progresses. He said he thinks several of his fellow receivers – some who have flown under the radar to this point – could be poised for breakout seasons.

"There are obviously guys that people already talk about like me, Brodrick, Aubrey and Tramaine (Thompson)," he said. "We have a lot of guys who don't get a lot of mention because they really haven't played a lot, but we're really, really deep. I wouldn't be surprised to see those guys on the field, either."

NOTABLE RECEIVERS IN 2010

Name	No.	Year
Adrian Hilburn	82	Sr.
Aubrey Quarles	89	Sr.
Brodrick Smith	5	So.
Chris Harper	3	So.
Tramaine Thompson	86	Fr.
Sheldon Smith	87	Sr.

Recognized for offering you excellence.

According to J.D. Power and Associates, our agency offers "An Outstanding Customer Experience."



Donna Cederberg Agency
1112 Laramie St
Manhattan, KS 66502-5312
(785) 587-0801
dcederberg@amfarm.com



Jon Harper Agency
1814 Clafin Rd Ste 220
Manhattan, KS 66503-2505
(785) 539-9200 Bus
jharper@amfarm.com



Tim Engle Agency, Inc.
3320 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS 66503-2505
(785) 539-9200 Bus
www.timengleagency.com
tengle@amfarm.com



American Family Mutual Insurance Company and its Subsidiaries
American Family Insurance Company
Home Office - Madison, WI 53783
JP-21822-9/10



Gambino's
Pizza®

900 Hayes Dr. 785-537-9090

GAMEDAY SPECIAL
Mention this ad to receive
1/2 Price Large Pizza

Saturday

Limit 4

Walk-in Medical Treatment
Open 7 Days a Week

Monday – Saturday 9a – 8p • Sunday 10a – 6p

Choose K+STAT for:

Colds & Flu
Sports Injuries
Cuts & Sprains
Workplace Injuries

Go to the Nearest ER for:
Life-Threatening Emergencies
Possible Heart Attack/Stroke
Middle-of-the-Night Care
Serious Fractures

K+STAT
URGENT CARE

East of the Wal-Mart Supercenter • 930 Hayes Drive

www.kstaurantcare.com

785-565-0016

Cash, Check or Credit Card Accepted • Accepting Most Insurances and Now Accepting Tricare
No Appointment Needed • Avoid Expensive ER Charges

THE PATIO
GRILLE & BAR



CUBAN, FLORIBBEAN & GOOD OLD AMERICAN CLASSIC CUISINE

3003 ANDERSON AVE • 785.539.4234

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 11AM-12AM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY: 11AM-1AM • SUNDAY: 11AM-12AM